

Appl. No. 10/678,923
Response to Office Action of May 18, 2005
Attorney Docket K-1633

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Response is submitted in response to the Official Letter dated May 18, 2005.

Claims 1-7 are currently pending for examination. This response is submitted for the purpose of respectfully requesting that the Examiner reconsider the application for placement in condition for Allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that Claim 15 contains allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

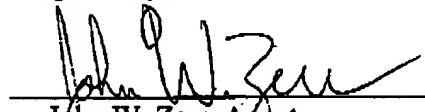
Amendment to Claim 1:

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of dependent Claim 15 which has been indicated as allowable by the Examiner. Claim 15 has been cancelled by this Amendment.

As a final matter, if the Examiner has any question or concerns about the above Amendment, Applicant's undersigned representative requests the courtesy of a telephone interview at the Examiner's earliest convenience to discuss the application. Applicant's undersigned representative may be contacted at (724) 539-7265.

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice Of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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